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CANAL EMPLOYEES ARE WELL TREATED

Chronic Objectors Have Small Cause for Any Complaints.

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Charge electric light, furniture, coal for kitchen stoves, distilled water and medical service. Ice is furnished at 40 cents a hundred—exactly what it costs the commission to deliver it. To make his home completely equipped, the married man has only to buy his bed linen and kitchen utensils.

The subsistence department has its headquarters at Colon. There is to be found a refrigerated and ice-making plant of immense proportions; a bakery which turns out loaves of bread faster than a visitor can count them, and a department store which in size and quality of its stock would do credit to a metropolitan city.

Early every morning morning a special train of twenty cars pulls out of Colon bound for Panama. It is loaded with supplies of every description, but principally with foodstuffs. At every station along the line of the canal supplies are unloaded. The what advantage a housewife on the isthmus can supply her table is easily demonstrated by quoting a few of the prices fixed on staple articles by Major Wilson, in charge of the commissary department.

A Few Prices.

Porterhouse steaks are sold for 22 cents a pound; leg of mutton, 19 cents; onions, 24 cents a pound; bacon is bought by the Government at 22 cents a pound and sold for 23 cents. Within a short time bread will be sold for 4 cents a loaf, which, by the way, is three ounces heavier than the usual 5-cent loaf in the United States. As a general proposition, an effort is made to add 10 per cent to the first cost of the goods to take care of overhead charges, freight, loss, and damage.

In many instances, however, it is not possible to do this. Meat is frequently sold at an actual loss, as are also butter and eggs. To make up for these losses prices on luxuries are increased, but even with the increase they are sold cheaper than in the United States.

It is possible because the Government buys in such large quantities that even with a charge to take care of all expense incident to handling the price to employees is far below the retail prices in the United States.

The markets of the world are opened to commissary department and goods are brought into the Canal Zone free of duty. On such high grade articles as Irish linens the Government allows the canal employees at 50 per cent above the actual cost.

Tobacco is sold at an advance of one-third over cost, and the percentage decrease in proportion to the necessity of an article in the average household. When President Taft was Secretary of War in active charge of the canal he ordered that supplies be sold at a price which would reimburse the Government for the first cost, handling, and the cost of the plant at Colon. At that time it was estimated that the commissary department made an average charge of 10 per cent above cost.

Experience in the commissary department has demonstrated that it is possible to supply the employees with food and clothing in the Canal Zone at a price which is less than the cost of the goods as demonstrated by the financial statement of that department for the last quarter on a business of \$2,000,000 the profit was only \$10,000. This was used to liquidate the debt of the plant. When this debt is wiped out the canal employees will be able to buy their supplies still cheaper.

Despite the efforts of the commissary department to give the employees the best that money can buy the Canal Zone is no place for an epicure. One must forego the good old-fashioned breakfast of bacon and eggs, unless he has learned to eat the cold storage variety. Residents on the canal resort to various expedients to make the eggs palatable. Occasionally you see a man adding some vinegar and a drop of tobacco to his soft-boiled eggs. His neighbor at a nearby table uses mustard in his eggs. Milk is a commodity which can be purchased only by wealthy persons, the native dairymen charging 50 cents a quart. Consequently, evaporated cream and condensed milk mixed with water are used instead of the real article. At home we are accustomed to use wet sponges to keep our cigars damp.

Climate Conditions.

In Panama electric lights are kept burning in cigar cases to keep the tobacco from becoming too wet. It is because of such conditions as these, due almost entirely to climate conditions, that complaints are heard from Americans.

The government does not rest content with making its workmen comfortable in his own home. He furnishes, in addition, many privileges which in the States would require the expenditure of money. Churches and pastors are furnished; members of fraternal orders are provided with lodge rooms; Y. M. C. A.'s are erected and maintained by the government; an annual fee of \$10 being used to buy periodicals, furnish vaudeville performances, etc.

Twice each month the employees are furnished with trip passes over the Panama railroad. Whenever an employee

HOW THE CANAL EMPLOYEES LIVE



SOCIAL HALL, I. C. C. CLUB HOUSE.

is ill he receives medical attention free. If it is necessary to remove him to a hospital he receives treatment there free, unless he desires a private room. Members of his family are charged \$1 a visit and receive medicines free.

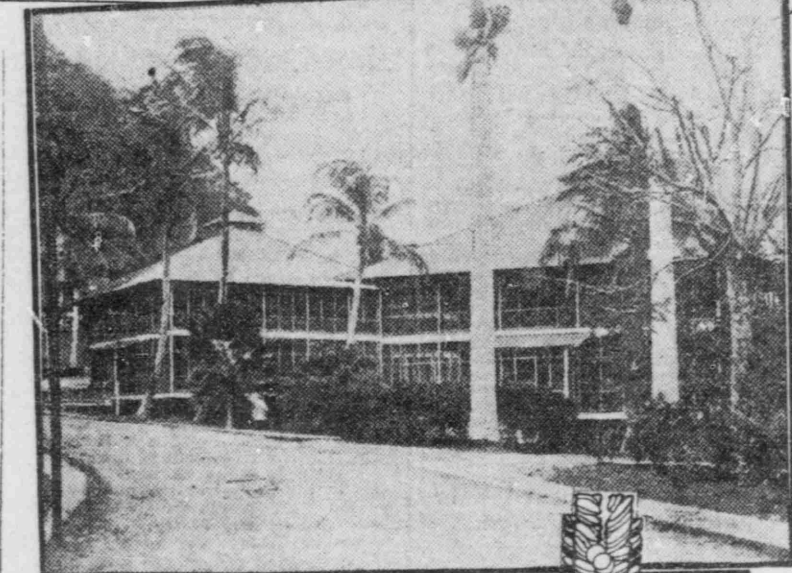
At the conclusion of the treatment at the hospitals the employees are sent to Taboga Island for a week's rest at a sanitarium maintained by the Government. The canal officials proceed on the theory that the workmen should be in the best possible physical condition and they are perfectly willing to pay a man's salary while he is recuperating from an illness rather than have him resume his labors before he has regained his full strength.

Take it all in all the American workman is better cared for by Uncle Sam than any workman in a private establishment in any part of the world.

GOETHALS MAY BE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS

Reputation As a Canal Digger May Win Him the Coveted Army Berth.

Col. George Goethals, who has won fame by his handling of the Panama canal work, will, in all probability, have to decide next June whether he will continue on the canal work or accept the



QUARTERS FOR ONE FAMILY AT ANCON.

position of chief of engineers of the United States army, the goal which is sought by every member of the Engineer Corps.

William L. Marshall, brigadier general and chief of engineers, will retire next summer, and there is a movement on among the friends of Colonel Goethals to have him succeed General Marshall. There are several other colonels who might naturally get the place, but the work Goethals has done on the canal and the admiration the President feels

for him are taken as strong factors in his favor.

That he does want the place is believed by his army friends, because of the fact that he has done practically all the "big work" that has to be done on the canal. Having stamped his name on the work and having gotten all the fame possible out of it, he may wish to be made a chief of engineers when the opportunity comes. If he does not accept it next summer, he may go on the retired list before another opportunity comes.

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PANIC IN THEATER AVERTED BY ACTOR

Audience Gets Excited When Fire Bells Ring, But Guy Johnson Proves Hero.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU, ALEXANDRIA, VA., DEC. 2.

But for the prompt action of Guy Johnson, known on the stage as "Jack," there might have been a serious panic and probably loss of life at the opera house.

Johnson and his company were presenting an attractive play last night and the theater was filled. Before the last act, fire bells in the city were rung, owing to a slight blaze in the alley between Duke, Prince, Patrick, and Alfred streets. Some boys in the gallery of the opera house started the cry of "Fire" and began to make for the exits. Mr. Johnson, seeing the effect of the cry of fire, asked the audience to remain seated, as the fire was nowhere near the opera house. This reassured the audience.

The sale of Red Cross stamps in Alexandria continues to increase. Red Cross post cards were this morning placed on sale at the stamp agencies established by The Times.

A meeting of the committees from the Second Baptist Church and the Del Ray Baptist Church will be held at the Second Baptist Church in this city tomorrow evening, when a call will be extended to the Rev. Mr. Langford, of Norfolk, to be pastor of these two churches.

Miss Margaret Gentry, fifty-eight years of age, died at her home, 115 Payne street, this morning. Miss Gentry was the sister of Capt. John Gentry, and is well known in this city. Her funeral will be held from her home next Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. Bessie Gorham, wife of J. H. Gorham, died at her home in North Columbus street this morning. She was twenty-nine years of age. Her funeral will be held next Saturday afternoon.

The funeral of Philip Peyton was held from his home in Duke street, between Fairfax and Lee streets, this afternoon, and was largely attended. The Rev. Edgar Carpenter, of Grace Protestant Episcopal Church, conducted the funeral services, and the burial was in Bethel Cemetery.

The little boat Edward S. Gamble was yesterday started on the route between this city, the steel plant and the Navy Yard. The boat is commodious and all who have traveled on it are well pleased with the success of the Chamber of Commerce in getting this boat for the route.

The Atva Aerie, No. 871, Order of Eagles, has elected the following officers: Worthy president, Walter E. Jacobson; worthy vice president, A. A. Paul; worthy chaplain, O. H. Danieles; worthy treasurer, Harvey Summers; worthy secretary, J. H. West; worthy trustees, Thomas Chaucey, P. T. Harrington, and Charles H. Zimmerman; worthy physician, Dr. E. A. Gorman; worthy inside guard, James P. Lucas; worthy outside guard, T. D. Downey.

auditing committee, J. D. Normoyle, J. J. Hanratty, and B. B. Cline. These officers will be installed at the first meeting in January.

Miss Annie L. Cronk and Charles E. Linton were quietly married at the parsonage of the Second Presbyterian Church by the Rev. J. R. Sevier last evening.

The Woman's Auxiliary to Lee Camp Confederate Veterans will this evening hold its annual oyster supper at Lee Camp Hall from six to ten o'clock. The proceeds will go to the building fund of Lee Camp Hall.

The Corby Bakery and the Alexandria Iron Works have been admitted to membership in the Chamber of Commerce.

The Young Men's Senate will Tuesday evening debate on the following question, "Resolved, That the vitrified streets of Alexandria should on Saturdays be swept at night between 11 and 12 o'clock, instead of the afternoon, as now done."

Miss Agnes May Pulman of this city, and Carl E. Mueller, of Washington, were quietly married at the home of the bride's father, C. O. Pulman, in Fairfax county last evening. The Rev. Edgar Carpenter, of Grace Church, performed the ceremony.

BLACKBURN WON'T RETURN TO ZONE

President Formally Accepts Resignation of Veteran Statesman

Appointed by Roosevelt.

The resignation of Governor Blackburn, of the canal zone, has been formally accepted, and the veteran statesman will not have to return to his duties there. The formal letter for the President accepting the resignation of Governor Blackburn was dispatched several days ago.

That the law will be changed so that a new governor will not be appointed, is the belief of Senator Flint, who discussed the matter with the President this morning. He thinks Congress will just return from the canal zone. Its members are almost unanimous in believing that more power should be given Colonel Goethals. Governor Blackburn was appointed by President Roosevelt shortly after his defeat for re-election to the Senate from Kentucky.

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